

## MINUTES

### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room  
John A. Hannah Building  
608 West Allegan  
Lansing, Michigan

March 8, 2005  
9:00 a.m.

Present: Dr. Jeremy M. Hughes, Acting Superintendent, Chairman  
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President  
Mr. John C. Austin, Vice President  
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary  
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, Treasurer  
Mrs. Nancy Danhof, NASBE Delegate  
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer  
Mr. Reginald M. Turner  
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser  
Ms. Sue C. Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,  
ex officio

Also Present: Mrs. Heidi Capraro, 2004-2005 Michigan Teacher of the Year

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Hughes called the Meeting to order at 9:19 a.m.

#### II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Information on Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee
- B. Special Education Advisory Committee – March 2005 – Quick Notes

#### III. AGENDA FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Report on Consent Agenda
- B. Federal Issues Update

#### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Ben Hamilton – added to agenda
- B. Comments by Mrs. Eileen Weiser Regarding National Assessment Governing Board – added to agenda
- C. Report on Superintendent Approval of the IEP Addendum and Manual Pages – added to agenda

- D. 2004-2005 Section 57.1, Advanced and Accelerated Program, ISD Support (Final) – Continuation – added to agenda
- E. 2004-05 Title I Accountability/School Improvement – Amendment – added to agenda
- F. Adoption of Resolution Regarding the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust – added to agenda

**Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

V. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT STAFF, AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education, Department of Education staff, and guests.

Dr. Hughes introduced Ms. Megan Phaneuf, a Presidential Scholar, who is assisting the Michigan Department of Education with high school redesign and the recommendations of the Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth chaired by Lieutenant Governor Cherry.

VI. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – DR. JEREMY M. HUGHES

Dr. Hughes introduced Representative John C. Stewart, who addressed the Board.

Representative Stewart said he believes in the power of the State Board of Education to hire the Superintendent of Public Instruction. He invited Board members to public hearings regarding higher education, as well as the Social Studies Summit on April 14, 2005 at the Capitol.

Mrs. Straus thanked Representative Stewart for his unwavering support of public education and the State Board of Education.

VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING SEARCH FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Mrs. Straus presented Discussion/Action Regarding Search for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Mrs. Straus said Mr. Turner and the Executive Committee consisting of Mr. Austin, Mrs. Curtin, and she, met with the Governor on March 3, 2005. She said the Governor was supportive and had no suggested changes to the Skills and Qualifications approved by the Board at its February 23, 2005, special meeting. Mrs. Straus said the proposed application deadline is April 1, 2005; and all applications will be shared

with all Board members and the Governor, as an ex officio member of the Board. She said the Governor will also forward nominations to the Board, and the nominations will be reviewed by all Board members and measured against the skills and qualifications established by the Board. She said all Board members will make recommendations for candidates to be interviewed, and the Executive Committee will compile the recommendations, and the interviews will be conducted in an open meeting. She said anyone interested in commenting on the process is able to do so via the website [www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde).

In response to questions from Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Straus said advertisements will be placed electronically and in print in educational publications. Mrs. Straus directed the Board to the sample advertisement in the Board item.

There was much discussion regarding the April 1, 2005, deadline for submission of applications.

Mrs. Straus said the Governor is very respectful of the Board's constitutional responsibility for the selection of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Governor will be involved in the selection as an ex officio member of the Board. Mrs. Straus she wants it to be very clear that no selection has been made, and the Board is soliciting qualified candidates for the position.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve: (1) Procedure for Recruitment of Superintendent of Public Instruction, with an amended deadline date of April 15, 2005, for submission of applications, (2) Application Process for Superintendent of Public Instruction, and (3) Sample Advertisement for Michigan Superintendent of Public Instruction, as attached to the President's memorandum dated March 4, 2005.**

**Mrs. Weiser proposed April 8, 2005, for submission of applications as a friendly amendment to the motion. Mrs. Straus and Mrs. Bauer accepted the friendly amendment.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Danhof asked if electronic portfolios would be submitted by candidates. Mrs. Straus said the Board has not discussed the medium for submission of information by applicants. Mrs. Weiser said this may be a topic for future discussion.

Dr. Hughes asked the Board to consider an opportunity for the finalists and a committee representative of Michigan Department of Education employees to meet to discuss issues related to the Department. Mrs. Straus said she is cognizant of this suggestion, and thinks it is a good idea.

VIII. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION HONORING BEN HAMILTON

Dr. Hughes presented Adoption of Resolution Honoring Ben Hamilton. She said Mr. Hamilton is retiring after 56 years of service to the State of Michigan.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution honoring Benjamin E.S. Hamilton, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated March 3, 2005.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Straus said the resolution will be presented to Mr. Hamilton during the afternoon portion of the meeting.

The Resolution honoring Benjamin E.S. Hamilton is attached as Exhibit A.

IX. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 10:16 a.m. to convene as a Committee of the Whole.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

X. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Hughes called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

XI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Report on Suggested Modifications to Accountability Workbook

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction and Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Edward Roeber, Senior Executive Director, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability
- Mr. Paul Bielawski, Manager of Educational Accountability, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability

- Dr. Joseph Martineau, Psychometrician, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability
- Ms. MaryAlice Galloway, Special Assistant to the Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Ms. Peggy Dutcher, Coordinator of Assessment for Students with Disabilities Program, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability

The following individuals offered comments:

- Dr. Mary Leiker, Superintendent, Kentwood Public Schools
- Mr. Michael DeVault, Superintendent, Macomb Intermediate School District
- Mrs. Sandra Spencer, Parent, Kent County
- Mr. Pat Traster; Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Calhoun Intermediate School District

## XII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

## XIII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 8, 2005.

**Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meetings of February 8, 2005.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of February 23, 2005.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of Special Meeting of February 23, 2005.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

#### XIV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

##### A. Study on Adequacy, Excellence, and Effectiveness of Funding

Mrs. Straus said several meetings have been held with the Governor's Office and State legislative leaders to implement the Board's support of a study on school adequacy, excellence, effectiveness of funding, and the delivery system. She said there is support from the Governor and Legislators, both Republican and Democratic leaders, for the study and its funding. She said Department staff are now researching similar studies done by other states.

##### B. House Joint Resolution C and Senate Joint Resolution B – Appointment of State Superintendent by Governor

Mrs. Straus said resolutions to authorize a vote of the people to amend the State Constitution to provide for the appointment of the State Superintendent by the Governor rather than the State Board of Education, have been introduced in both the House and Senate.

Mrs. Straus said Mr. Austin and Mrs. Danhof testified at the House Education Committee; and Mrs. Danhof testified at the Senate Education Committee. Mrs. Straus said both Mr. Austin and Mrs. Danhof offered very effective testimony that resulted in the legislation being narrowly reported to the House, and the Senate Committee agreeing to not vote at this time.

##### C. National Governors' Association National Education Summit

Mrs. Straus said Governor Granholm invited her to join the Governor and Ms. Carnell at the National Education Summit in Washington, D.C. on February 26 and 27, 2005. She said the National Governor's Association hosted the Summit devoted to high school redesign. Mrs. Straus said Mr. Bill Gates was the keynote speaker and he said American high schools are obsolete. She said Mr. Gates stressed the need for better education in math and science.

Mrs. Straus said Michigan is at the forefront of high school redesign with the Michigan Department of Education's High School Reform Team Steering Committee, the Lieutenant Governor's Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth, and Michigan State University's Annual Education Conference – Redefining Michigan's High Schools.

Mrs. Straus said at the conclusion of the Conference it was announced that 13 states, including Michigan, supported the American Diploma Project, calling for a rigorous curriculum including four years of English, Math, and Science.

Mrs. Straus said she wants to emphasize the need for including civic education, arts and world languages in the rigorous curriculum.

Mrs. Straus said some form of post secondary training is necessary for today's job market.

D. Governor's Educational Advisory Team Meetings

Mrs. Straus said the Governor has invited her to attend the Governor's Educational Advisory Team meetings held on Fridays. Mrs. Straus said she has attended the meetings with Dr. Hughes, and hopes to invite fellow State Board members to attend a future meeting on a rotational basis.

E. NASBE Legislative Conference

Mrs. Straus said she; Mrs. McGuire; Mrs. Danhof; and Ms. Roberta Stanley, Director of Administrative Law and Federal Relations; will attend the NASBE (National Association of State Boards of Education) Legislative Conference on March 10 and 11, 2005. Mrs. Straus said this is an important conference that Board members will attend at their own expense, since out-of-state travel for Board members is not a reimbursable expense.

XV. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

K. Human Resources Report

L. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers

M. Report on Approval of the Revised Administrative Rules for Special Education and Special Education Procedures

N. Report on Approval of Biennial Report of the Michigan School Readiness Program Legislative Review Committee

BB. Report on Superintendent Approval of the IEP Addendum and Manual Pages

### Grants

- O. 2004-2005 Mandated Activities Projects, Part B – Amendment
- P. 2004-2005 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Funding for FY 2005 – Amendment
- Q. 2002-2004 United States Department of Education, Charter School Grant Program – Initial and Continuation
- R. 2003-2004 Title II, Part A(3): Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grant Program – Amendment
- X. 2004-2005 Section 57.1, Advanced and Accelerated Program, ISD Support (Final) – Continuation
- Y. 2004-05 Title I Accountability/School Improvement – Amendment

Dr. Hughes provided an oral report on the following:

- A. “Board Briefs”

Dr. Hughes said he continues to provide updates in the weekly “Board Briefs” that is mailed to Board members every Friday.

- B. 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan School Testing Conference

Dr. Hughes said the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan School Testing Conference was held on February 28 and March 1, 2005 in Ann Arbor. He said this is the premier conference for assessment in Michigan. He said Mr. Austin and Ms. Martha Darling, Educational Policy Consultant, presented on the Lieutenant Governor’s Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth; and Mrs. Weiser was also in attendance.

- C. Grade Level Content Expectations – Department of Labor and Economic Growth

Mrs. Straus expressed concern that the Department of Labor and Economic Growth is developing K-12 grade level content expectations. Mrs. Straus said she is uncertain at this time of the content areas that are being developed, but she is of the opinion that all content expectations should be authorized and approved by the State Board of Education. She said Executive Order 1999-12 issued by Governor Engler, includes language stating, “The State Board of Education shall retain its policy making authority with regard to these statutory provisions by determining policies, if any, on which the administration of these provisions shall be based.”



Dr. Hughes said he has had informal conversations with staff of the Department of Labor and Economic Growth regarding review of the proposed curriculum changes. He agreed that the role of the Board in approval, review, and advice and consent needs to be clarified. He said he will continue discussions with the staff of the Department of Labor and Economic Growth, and will keep the Board informed.

Mrs. Bauer reminded the Board that there are other areas in the Department of Labor and Economic Growth that provide educational programs, and clarification is also needed in those areas.

Dr. Hughes said this is an opportunity to provide a unified approach to postsecondary education, in light of the Report of Lieutenant Governor's Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth.

#### XVI. REPORT BY MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Heidi Capraro, 2004-2005 Teacher of the Year, presented Report by Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Capraro she has spoken with student teachers at three different universities during the past month. She said she has spent the past several months working with novice teachers in Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton counties. She said she has also been involved with teachers of earth science at the middle and high school levels at Macomb Intermediate School District.

#### XVII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Ms. Sandra Spencer, 8506 Garbow Drive, Alto, Michigan 49302. Ms. Spencer commented on her son's educational experience.
- B. Mrs. Mary T. Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Ms. Wood provided comments on charter schools.
- C. Mr. George Wurtzel, 1220 North Washington, Lansing, Michigan 48906. Mr. Wurtzel, Executive Director, Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind, provided comments on Camp Tuhsmeheeta.

#### XVIII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 1:45 p.m. to reconvene as a Committee of the Whole.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

### **XIX. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Hughes called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 1:46 p.m.

### **XX. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)**

#### **B. Discussion Regarding Consequences for Non-Title I Schools**

The following individual presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction and Chief Academic Officer
- Ms. MaryAlice Galloway, Special Assistant to the Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction

### **XXI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Mrs. Straus presented Mr. Benjamin E.S. Hamilton with a resolution from the State Board of Education honoring him for 56 years of service to the State of Michigan.

Mr. Hamilton thanked the Board and Department employees. He said he enjoyed coming to work every day partly because of his coworkers.

### **XXII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)**

#### **C. Report on Financial Status of Michigan Deficit School Districts for 2003-2004**

The following individual presented:

- Ms. Elaine Madigan, Executive Director, School Finance and School Law

#### **D. Report on Efforts of the Michigan Department of Education to Ensure that Teachers Meet No Child Left Behind Requirements**

By consensus, this item was removed from the agenda due to time constraints.

E. Demonstration of the Michigan Educator Talent Bank

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services
- Mr. Andy Rosenweig, Program Director, Michigan Teacher Network

F. Discussion Regarding Instructional Excellence Conference and Network of Michigan Educators Event

The following individuals presented:

- Ms. Jean Shane, Awards and Recognition Programs, Office of the Superintendent
- Ms. Cindy Hasselbring, Milan Area School District
- Ms. Sue Gutierrez, Forest Hills Public Schools
- Mr. Frank Miracola, Macomb Intermediate School District
- Mr. David Borth, Hawthorn Learning Center
- Ms. Bethany Rayl, Lapeer Community Schools

G. Report on Governor's 2006 Executive Budget/Budgeting for Outcomes

By consensus, this item was removed from the agenda due to time constraints.

H. Discussion Regarding Michigan State Board of Education/Department of Education Strategic Plan 2005-2010

By consensus, this item was removed from the agenda due to time constraints.

I. Comments by Mrs. Eileen Weiser Regarding National Assessment Governing Board

The following individual presented:

- Mrs. Eileen Weiser, Member, National Assessment Governing Board

XXIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 3:30 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 3:31 p.m.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **XXIV. APPROVAL OF EARLY CHILDHOOD STANDARDS OF QUALITY FOR PREKINDERGARTEN**

Dr. Lindy Buch, Director, Early Childhood Education and Family Services, presented Approval of Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Prekindergarten.

Dr. Buch said that in 1992, the State Board of Education approved *Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Prekindergarten Through Second Grade*. She said the Board's Task Force on Ensuring Early Childhood Literacy called for a revision and update of those standards. She said a large interagency group met to revise the standards. She said six public comment sessions were held in November and December, 2004, and comments were also gathered electronically and in printed form. She said this resulted in revisions for clarity, and the standards are being presented for Board approval.

**Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education approve the *Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Prekindergarten*, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 22, 2005.**

Mrs. Weiser asked how the standards will be impacted by the Early Childhood Investment Corporation. Dr. Buch said the Board has the opportunity to set standards stating what is appropriate for early childhood, and these high-quality standards will be helpful to the Early Childhood Investment Corporation.

Dr. Buch said the next step is to develop high-quality standards for infants, toddlers and primary grade children.

Mrs. Curtin said she had the opportunity to attend the Michigan Collaborative Early Childhood Conference on January 26-28, 2006 in Dearborn. She said she was very impressed with the information that was presented, and it was an energizing conference.

Mrs. McGuire asked about companion documents for parents. Dr. Buch said the Department is working to develop a similar look for documents for parental use so that they will be easily recognized.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XXV. REPORT ON SUGGESTED MODIFICATIONS TO ACCOUNTABILITY WORKBOOK

By consensus, this item was added to the Regular meeting agenda, based on discussion during the Committee of the Whole.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education approve the modifications to the Michigan Accountability Workbook including the reliability formula (a combination of correcting for sampling error and measurement error) and the change in the minimum group size for school size for school district Adequate Yearly Progress calculation (30 students for school districts up to an enrollment of 3000, 1% for districts with 3000 or more enrolled with a cap of 200 students).**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the request to the U.S. Department of Education for an exception to the 1% cap on the inclusion of students with the most significant cognitive impairments who score proficient on an alternate assessment based on alternate standards; and that the requested exception be based on data from the current assessment cycle.**

- **The State Board of Education requests that Michigan Department of Education (MDE) staff prepare a proposal to the Secretary of Education to request that guidance be released so that states can provide appropriate assessment for every child with a focus on the children who cannot be appropriately assessed with either MI -Access or Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP).**
- **In addition, the Board requests that MDE staff draft an additional communication to the USDOE, in collaboration with other states, asking for a review of IDEIA and NCLB to reconcile compliance requirements for the assessment of students with disabilities.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

XXVI. DISCUSSION REGARDING NASBE AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Mrs. Danhof, National Association of State Boards of Education Delegate, presented Discussion Regarding NASBE Awards Nominations. Mrs. Danhof said the floor is open for NASBE award

nominations. Mrs. McGuire suggested that Dr. Herbert S. Moyer, former State Board of Education member, be nominated for the Distinguished Service Award.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education nominate Dr. Herbert S. Moyer, former State Board of Education member for the NASBE Distinguished Service Award.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

#### XXVII. CONSENT AGENDA

- V. Approval of Revised Criteria and Categories to Add World Languages for the No Child Left Behind Act, Title II, Part A(3): Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program
- W. Adoption of State Board of Education/Michigan Department of Education Strategic Plan 2005-2010 – this item was removed from the agenda
- Z. Adoption of Resolution Regarding the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda, as follows:**

- V. **approve the Revised Criteria and Categories to add World Languages for the No Child Left Behind Act, Title II, Part A(3): Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program, as attached to the Acting Superintendent's memorandum dated February 22, 2005;**
- W. **(this item was removed from the agenda); and**
- Z. **adopt the resolution regarding the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated March 3, 2005.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

The resolution for the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust is attached as Exhibit B.

Mr. Turner left the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

## XXVIII. UPDATE ON STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Mr. Robert Morris, Legislative Director, and Ms. Roberta Stanley, Director of Administrative Law and Federal Relations, presented Update on State and Federal Legislative Issues.

Mr. Morris said he believes the recent meetings that Board members have had with state legislators were very productive, and it demonstrates the importance of the State Board of Education in taking a stand on educational issues, and establishing communication with legislators.

Mr. Morris provided updates on House Bill 4144 that provides broad guidelines for contracting of the state assessment programs; and Senate Bill 93 which encourages local school districts to develop character development curricula. Mr. Morris said both pieces of legislation are pending.

Mr. Morris said discussions and workgroups continue on the following priorities: principal certification, public school academy oversight, zero tolerance expulsion/suspension, and dual enrollment.

Ms. Stanley said the federal legislature is focusing on the budget and appropriations. She also provided updates on the E-Rate program providing schools and libraries internet and other advanced communications services, and No Child Left Behind amendments.

This was an update only, and no action was required.

## XXIX. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

### A. Strategic Plan – Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer

Mrs. Bauer said she worked on the strategic plan for Mount Holyoke College. She said it is a good example, and she will share it with Board members.

### B. Guyton School – Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire

Mrs. McGuire proposed a resolution regarding the proposed closing of Guyton School in Detroit. Mrs. McGuire said she is concerned that schools that are making adequate yearly progress are being closed.

Mr. Austin said the decision regarding school closures should be made at the local level, not the state level.

Mrs. Bauer said she would rather engage dialogue to advocate a process of inclusion whereby local districts include the people of the community when developing school closure plans.

Mrs. Weiser said the Board's role is to set policy, and Michigan is a local control state. Mrs. Danhof she agrees that the Board's role is to set policy for the state. She said the Board may wish to give direction to Department staff who are working with deficit elimination across the state. She said criteria could be developed.

Mrs. Straus and Mr. Austin said they agree that policy could be developed regarding deficit elimination plans.

Dr. Hughes said he will contact Dr. Kenneth Burnley, CEO of Detroit Public Schools, to request clarification on criteria and dates for school closings.

XXX. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Dr. Hughes said the April 12, 2005 Board agenda will include Report on Efforts of the Michigan Department of Education to Ensure that Teachers Meet No Child Left Behind Requirements.

Mrs. Bauer said, as the Board's technology liaison, she is requesting that the April agenda include an update on educational technology initiatives. She also reminded the Board that Carol Wolenberg will give an update at a future meeting on Microsoft Partners in Learning.

Ms. Carnell suggested a standing agenda item updating the Board on the number of teachers meeting the highly qualified teacher requirement, as prescribed in the No Child Left Behind Act.

XXXI. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. April 12, 2005
- B. May 10, 2005
- C. June 14, 2005
- D. July 12, 2005

XXXII. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin  
Secretary